

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-13 were pending in the application, with Claims 1, 4, 7 and 11 being the independent Claims. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 4-13 have been allowed, and Claims 2-3 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner maintained the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0054807 to *Hsu et al.* (hereinafter *Hsu*).

Please amend Claim 1 and cancel Claim 2, as shown herein. No new matter has been added. Thus, Claims 1 and 3-13 are currently pending.

Regarding the §102(a) rejection, the Examiner alleged that *Hsu* teaches each and every element of Claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree.

As previously stated, Claim 1 has been amended. The recitations from Claim 2, now canceled, have been inserted into Claim 1. In view of the aforesaid indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 2, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is now allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claim 3, this claim is likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of its dependence on independent Claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to dependent Claim 3 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1 and 3-13, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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